

**FRANK MANUFACTURING**  
Mentone, Kosciusko County, IN  
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**Site Location and Description**

The property is located at the corner of Marion and Broadway Streets in Mentone.

Zip Code: 46539

**Site Uses and Past Activities**

This property was a F.I. Saeman facility that produced orthopedic products. There was a removal action completed at the site, and monitoring has continued since then.

**Contaminants and Impacts**

When the facility closed, it was found that the chemicals used in the manufacturing process had contaminated the groundwater. IDEM staff reviewed data from an independent subsurface investigation conducted for the Town of Mentone. The report indicates that contamination exists on-site, but it appears to be limited to behind the southwest corner of the building. Specifically, of the fifteen soil samples collected, one was above the Voluntary Remediation Program's (VRP) subsurface soil residential cleanup standard for benzene, and five were above the VRP's subsurface soil residential cleanup standard for tetrachloroethane (TeCE). Various other components were detected, but none were above the VRP residential cleanup standards. Lead paint contamination was identified inside the building.

**Lead Agency**

IDEM

**Community Concerns**

The site has been a blight to the downtown area.

**Actions Taken**

IDEM issued a Comfort Letter in July 1998 with the caveat that remediation is necessary for that part of the site located near the southwest corner of the building. An in-situ remediation system may be a possible alternative to excavation. Further site investigation should be conducted to explore the feasibility of in-situ remediation. In addition, the lead paint contamination should be easily addressed in a limited lead abatement project.



**Current Status**

IDEM is currently working with the Saeman Foundation and the Town of Mentone to address on-site contamination concerns. IDEM is determining what further site assessment and/or remediation activities are needed.

**Future Actions**

No future actions are planned.

**Cost Estimates**

Comfort Letters are provided at no cost to the recipient.

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